

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/515,384	ZURKO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment after final rejection filed 07/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-27,29,30 and 33-41.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-41 have been presented for examination. Claims 1-20 have been canceled and new claims 21-28 have been added in a preliminary amendment filed 02/29/2000. Claim 28 has been canceled in an amendment filed 04/22/2004. Claims 21 and 24-27 have been amended and new claims 29-40 have been added in an amendment filed 09/17/2004. Claims 21 and 30-32 have been amended and new claim 41 has been added in an amendment filed 02/11/2005. Claims 31 and 32 have been canceled and claims 33 and 34 have been amended in an amendment filed 07/15/2005. Claims 21-27, 29, 30, and 33-41 have been examined.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made that the instant application is a division of Application No. 07/479,666, filed 02/13/1990, now U.S. Patent No. 6,507,909 B1.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on 04/22/2004. These drawings are approved.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 21-27, 29, 30, and 33-41 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 21-26 and 35-41 are drawn to a method for verifying the existence of a trusted path to a user in a computing system. The closest prior art, Rosenthal et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,073,933 A, discloses a similar method. Rosenthal et al. teaches, upon login by a user (see

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column 4, lines 17-19; when a user logs on; see column 3, lines 25-27; on a client on the local host (physically at the server) to change the access control list), assigning a process identifier to the user in the trusted computing environment (see column 4, lines 57-67; column 5, lines 1-3; adding an entry of a new authorized NetName identifying a process forming a session between a user and a server) in response to a ChangeHost request with the family NetName (see column 4, lines 57-60). However, Rosenthal et al. neither shows nor motivates automatically assigning a process identifier to the user in the trusted computing environment. This distinct step explicitly recited in independent claim 21 renders claims 21-26 and 35-41.

Claims 27, 29, and 30 are drawn to an apparatus for executing a trusted command that is issued by a user. The closest prior art, Rosenthal, U.S. Patent No. 5,073,933 A in view of Rivest et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,405,829 A, describes a similar apparatus. Rosenthal et al. mentions a means for displaying a representation of the effect that a trusted encrypted command is intended to carry out to the user for verification (see column 5, lines 1-3; the user who has logged in is allowed to talk to the server which informs the host that the user has successfully logged on; see column 1, lines 55-56; displaying the successful login of a user on the monitor to the user). Neither Rosenthal et al. nor Rivest et al. explain displaying a representation of a trusted parsed command to the user for verification. This particular step explicitly recited in independent claim 27 renders claims 27, 29, and 30 allowable.

Claim 33 is drawn to an apparatus for controlling the execution by machine of a trusted command. The closest prior art, Rosenthal, U.S. Patent No. 5,073,933 A in view of Rivest et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,405,829 A, disclose a similar apparatus. However, neither Rosenthal nor Rivest et al. teach or suggest a means, readable by the machine, for causing the machine to

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receive a signal from the user signifying whether the displayed representation accurately represents the trusted command; and a means, readable by the machine, for preventing the machine from executing the trusted command if the signal signifies that the parsed command does not accurately represent the trusted command. These composite features explicitly recited in independent claim 33 render it allowable.

Claim 34 is drawn to an apparatus for controlling the execution by machine of a trusted command. The closest prior art, Rosenthal, U.S. Patent No. 5,073,933 A in view of Rivest et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,405,829 A, disclose a similar apparatus. However, neither Rosenthal nor Rivest et al. teach or suggest a means, readable by the machine, for causing the machine to receive a signal from a second user signifying whether the displayed representation accurately represents the trusted command; and a means, readable by the machine, for preventing the machine from executing the trusted command if the signal signifies that the parsed command does not accurately represent the trusted command. These composite features explicitly recited in independent claim 34 render it allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Telephone Inquiry Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin T. Darrow whose telephone number is (571) 272-3801, and

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whose electronic mail address is justin.darrow@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barrón, Jr., can be reached at (571) 272-3799.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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